



Intercollegiate Athletic Council 2012 2013

Annual Report to faculty Senate

Committee Members:

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Overview:

The description of the duties of the Council state that the council reports” back to the faculty senate and makes recommendation regarding policy and programs. The council also reviews and has jurisdiction over scheduling of contests and the granting of awards.”

The IAC (Intercollegiate Athletic Council) has met monthly during the academic year beginning in September of 2012. The council meets with representatives of the Athletic department.

This year the council adopted new subcommittees in order to facilitate its discussion and provide a more in depth review of information or issues as they might arise.

The subcommittees include: ***Missed Class; Compliance; Registration/Student Scheduling; Team Season Schedules***

The subcommittees met to discuss issues that were germane to the responsibilities of the IAC as well as to advise the Athletic department about the interface of intercollegiate and academics as needed.

This year we tackled some of the issues revolving around scheduling and the conflicts that arise with miss classed time etc; we changed our internal policy to include new wording with regard to the council’s action on schedules. In essence most of the schedules of our primary sports are set by the conferences and, while we do have input, it is minimal. There are also significant constraints with regard to publishing the schedules and their availability in a timely manner for discussion by the IAC. In order to facilitate and ease the process somewhat we changed our policy to read; that the council reviews the schedules (which in essence is what we do) rather than approves (more often than not the schedules are fixed by the conference (league play cannot be altered). In substance this change does not alter the IAC role in consort with the Athletic Department in oversight of the schedules, however it does allow for the larger sports schedules to be published prior to the council deliberating , which had been a slight problem in the past.

The council worked to foster further dialogue with the Athletic department staff and the various colleges (in order to introduce the “Bulldog Way “, academic and athletic success focus developed by the Athletic department for the student athletes) by encouraging presentations by the A.D. and the Associate A.D. to faculty meetings around campus (and these seemed quite successful as the feedback was very positive).

As in the past years we reviewed all intercollegiate athletic schedules in our 18 varsity sports; reviewed all of the awards granted to our athletes.

In those cases where there was a conflict with academic schedules and a contest, they were referred to the Provost for discussion and adjudication (this only occurred once during this year and was quickly resolved.

The IAC was also available via email for issues that arose on a short term basis and quickly responded.

The IAC and the Athletic department have developed an excellent relationship and dialogue in order to discuss all issues with regard to academics and athletics. We discussed compliance issues at each meeting and were always informed of any issue that would arise.

We also had the opportunity to meet with some of the coaches during the first week of class as the student athletes attended their first “Bulldog Way” meeting in Drake Stadium; we attended a coaches coffee session , as well as attending the Athletic Banquet in the spring of 2012 (and we look forward to the banquet this spring as well). The IAC was also apprised of the exit interviews by the seniors and kept up to date of NCAA issues and conference issues by the FAR (Renae Chestnut) and the Director of Compliance (Cody Edwards)

In conclusion this was a very successful and I believe fruitful year for the IAC and above all the relationship between the central role of the University in academics and its interface with athletics. In my opinion the student body and the student athletes and the University are well served by the continued discussion and deliberations at the IAC.

Respectfully Submitted,
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